



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held June 24, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

“According to California law, when a court has determined that a minor is not fit for the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court, the ‘unfit’ minor is to be detained in juvenile hall until he has been sentenced or becomes 18 years of age. However, the law also provides that a Court may order an ‘unfit’ minor to be placed in the Sheriff’s custody if the minor’s detention at juvenile hall creates a danger to public safety or is detrimental to other inmates detained there.

“In Los Angeles County, a minor is detained in Men’s County Jail when a Court orders such detention, based on an argument by the District Attorney or the Probation Department, or on the Court’s own motion. Currently, there are 148 ‘unfit’ minors in Los Angeles County, of whom 34 have been deemed by the Courts not appropriate for housing in a juvenile setting and are being detained in Men’s County Jail. Serious concerns have been raised about the living conditions of the juvenile module at Men’s County Jail.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Made a finding pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision (a); and

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2. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer, in coordination with the Sheriff and the Chief Probation Officer, to consult with the State Board of Corrections and provide a report to the Board at the meeting of July 8, 2003, on any viable alternatives to the current juvenile facilities and program in the Men's County jail, for those minor juveniles the Court deems not appropriate for housing in a juvenile facility and are being detained in Men's County Jail.

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